

Children

Strategies voted for in order of ranking.

1. Expand Kid-Care Eligibility.
Expand income eligibility levels for Kid-Care.
Expand Kid-Care income eligibility to greater than 185%.
Raise Kid-Care eligibility to 200% poverty and apply for federal waiver to go higher.
Expand Kid-Care to family care.
Extend Kid-Care to all children – no categorical exclusions.
3. Improve outreach, enrollment and access to Medicaid/kid-Care.
Reach single parent and hard-to-reach families with Medicaid/Kid-Care eligibility.
Use non-traditional marketing strategies.
Simplify Kid-Care/Medicaid enrollment.
Validate insured status of all children in Illinois.
2. Develop state program that allows all uninsured children enrollment regardless of income/citizenship.
4. Make dependent coverage affordable to employers and employees.
Provide low-income employees with a choice of having Kid-Care/Medicaid or the employer based program rebate.
5. Give tax incentives for families that obtain health insurance for kids.
19. Automatically insure all children at birth.
15. Enact the family care bill.
17. Increase Medicaid reimbursement to equal Medicare rates for providers to increase provider accessibility.
13. Offer buy-in options for children with disabilities whose families are above the eligibility requirements of public health programs.
9. Offer incentives to employers to extend benefits to dependants.
14. Provide family care.

6. Remove stigma of public aid for Kid-Care/Medicaid by changing DPA name to encourage higher enrollments.
Decrease negative stigma of accepting Kid-Care services.
12. Provide automatic eligibility for kids with pre-existing conditions that make them uninsurable.
16. Provide option to doctors for tax credit in lieu of Medicaid checks.
20. Extend coverage to parents of Kid-Care eligible children.

Strategies not voted for. Order is irrelevant.

7. Increase availability of children's health insurance products (exploratory).
8. Increase coverage for the working poor and small employers.
10. Offer refundable tax credits for family insurance.
11. Develop systems to help kids get enrolled in SSI Disability.
18. Increase publicity of Kid-Care.
21. Raise income eligibility for Kid-Care.
22. Get more kids involved in employer-sponsored health insurance.
23. Provide continuous eligibility within Kid-Care.
24. Investigate correlation between Kid-Care and academic achievement.